



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 25, 2001

H.R. 37

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 16, 2001

H.R. 37 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility studies of four national historic trails to include numerous shared routes, cutoff trails, and other trail segments. The Secretary would designate as components of the four national historic trails any segments found to be feasible and suitable additions.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$160,000 over the next three years to conduct all of the required studies of trail segments specified by the bill. We estimate that any expenses associated with adding any suitable routes to the existing four national historic trails would be minimal. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 37 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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